

problems. These children often experience severe anxiety and helplessness and they often have problems with anger management and almost always have a marked decrease in school performance.

By educating and empowering our children and giving them the tools and resources they need to combat the damaging physical and psychological effects of violence, we can increase the likelihood that the cycle of violence will end with them. Without this funding, many shelters like those in my rural district of Eastern North Carolina would be unable to provide the essential crisis and preventative services our communities so desperately need. Many would be forced to shut their doors altogether.

This past year, the State of North Carolina received \$3.5 million in funding under the Violence Against Women Act. This funding provided shelters like the Haven and Wesley Shelters in North Carolina with the necessary resources to cope with family violence and sexual assault. And it allowed shelters like My Sister's House in Rocky Mount, North Carolina and the SAFE shelter in Lillington, North Carolina to serve thousands of North Carolina residents.

Reauthorization of this Act is an essential step in our battle against violence. Through the community-based services they provide, domestic violence and sexual assault shelters across the nation strengthen the social fabric that binds all of us together.

Gone forever should be the days when domestic violence was swept under the rug as a family matter. Domestic violence is not just a family matter. Domestic violence is a crime. It is a crisis, and there is no excuse for failure to act. I call on my colleagues to vote to pass this important bill without a delay. America's families are depending on it.

Mr. KIND. Mr. Speaker, nearly 1.5 million women are the victims of domestic violence and nearly one in every three adult women experience at least one physical assault by a partner during adulthood. We must not only remain committed to fighting sexual abuse, domestic violence and rape, but also improve our efforts on behalf of these victims. I am proud to be a cosponsor of this legislation H.R. 1248, which would reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act. This bill would authorize more than \$3 billion in funding and add new programs, including a new temporary housing grant that would provide funding to help women move out of shelters, a new grant for legal assistance to women who have been victims of violence, and grants authorizing help for disabled women victims.

VAWA has significantly strengthened domestic violence shelters and services to battered women and children throughout my state of Wisconsin and across the United States. The Wisconsin Coalition Against Domestic Violence and the Wisconsin Coalition Against Sexual Assault, through the programs in VAWA, have aided thousands of women in my state and help them cope and survive the tragedies of violence against women. As a former prosecutor in my home state of Wisconsin, responsible for prosecuting domestic violence, child abuse, adult and child sexual assault cases, I've seen first hand the scourge and scars domestic violence creates.

We are at an important point in our history, a time when the leaders of our nation have

made a commitment to stop violence against women and children. Through the many projects and programs developed through VAWA funding, we have just begun to clearly articulate the impact of sexual assault and domestic violence on our country. This legislation is critical in maintaining the federal commitment to ending this problem in our society.

I want to thank Chairman HYDE and Mr. CONYERS and a number of other members for their support in bringing this important legislation to the floor.

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 1248, the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) and I commend the gentle lady from Maryland, Mrs. MORELLA and my colleague the gentleman from Michigan, Mr. CONYERS, for their leadership on this issue.

H.R. 1248 continues the commitment that Congress made in 1990 by reauthorizing many critical programs that are used daily by women across this country. This bill reauthorizes grants that will be used to improve law enforcement and prosecution of violent crimes against women, grants to encourage arrests in domestic violence incidents, moneys for rural domestic violence and child abuse enforcement, rape prevention and education programs, grants for battered women's shelters, funding for the national domestic violence hotline and stalker reduction programs.

Moreover, this bill creates new initiatives including transitional housing for victims of violence, a pilot program aimed at protecting children during visits with a parent who has been accused of domestic violence, and protections for the elderly, disabled and immigrant women.

This legislation also includes grant money for a new program that will benefit victims of dating violence, which until now has been a neglected and underserved population.

Domestic violence is something which is learned at home and the longer that children remain in settings where they witness and experience this type of abuse, the more likely they are to become abusers or victims or abuse as adults.

The Violence Against Women Act will help families throughout our nation. As a cosponsor of this legislation, I urge my colleagues to vote for H.R. 1248.

Mr. HYDE. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SIMPSON). The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. HYDE) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 1248, as amended.

The question was taken.

Mrs. MORELLA. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX and the Chair's prior announcement, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair

will now put the question on each motion to suspend the rules on which further proceedings were postponed earlier today and on the motion to suspend the rules on which further proceedings were postponed yesterday.

Votes will be taken in the following order:

H.R. 5117, by the yeas and nays;

H.R. 2572, by the yeas and nays;

H.R. 1248, by the yeas and nays;

House Joint Resolution 100, by the yeas and nays.

The Chair will reduce to 5 minutes the time for any electronic vote after the first such vote in this series.

MISSING CHILDREN TAX FAIRNESS ACT OF 2000

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The pending business is the question of suspending the rules and passing the bill, H.R. 5117, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. RAMSTAD) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 5117, as amended, on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 419, nays 0, not voting 14, as follows:

[Roll No. 489]

YEAS—419

Abercrombie	Brown (OH)	DeLay
Ackerman	Bryant	DeMint
Aderholt	Burr	Deutsch
Allen	Buyer	Diaz-Balart
Andrews	Callahan	Dickey
Archer	Calvert	Dicks
Armey	Camp	Dingell
Baca	Canady	Dixon
Bachus	Cannon	Doggett
Baird	Capps	Dooley
Baker	Capuano	Doolittle
Baldacci	Cardin	Doyle
Baldwin	Carson	Dreier
Ballenger	Castle	Duncan
Barcia	Chabot	Dunn
Barr	Chambliss	Edwards
Barrett (NE)	Chenoweth-Hage	Ehlers
Barrett (WI)	Clay	Ehrlich
Bartlett	Clayton	Emerson
Barton	Clement	Engel
Bass	Clyburn	English
Becerra	Coble	Eshoo
Bentsen	Coburn	Etheridge
Bereuter	Collins	Evans
Berkley	Combest	Everett
Berman	Condit	Ewing
Berry	Conyers	Farr
Biggert	Cook	Fattah
Bilbray	Cooksey	Filner
Bilirakis	Costello	Fletcher
Bishop	Cox	Foley
Blagojevich	Coyne	Forbes
Bliley	Cramer	Ford
Blumenauer	Crane	Fossella
Blunt	Crowley	Fowler
Boehlert	Cubin	Frank (MA)
Boehner	Cummings	Franks (NJ)
Bonilla	Cunningham	Frelinghuysen
Bonior	Danner	Frost
Bono	Davis (FL)	Gallegly
Borski	Davis (IL)	Ganske
Boswell	Davis (VA)	Gejdenson
Boucher	Deal	Gekas
Boyd	DeFazio	Gephardt
Brady (PA)	DeGette	Gibbons
Brady (TX)	Delahunt	Gilchrest
Brown (FL)	DeLauro	Gilman